

SENATE BILL 1023

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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By: **Senators Harris and Mooney**

Introduced and read first time: February 24, 2010

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Members of the General Assembly – Limitation of Terms**

3 FOR the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to impose
4 a certain limit on the number of consecutive terms that a person may serve in
5 the office of Senator or Delegate in the General Assembly; making stylistic
6 changes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of
7 Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

8 BY proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution
9 Article III – Legislative Department
10 Section 6

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses
13 concurring), That it be proposed that the Maryland Constitution read as follows:

14 **Article III – Legislative Department**

15 6.

16 A member of the General Assembly shall be elected by the registered voters of
17 the legislative or delegate district from which [he] **THE PERSON** seeks election, to
18 serve for a term of four years beginning on the second Wednesday of January following
19 [his] **THE PERSON'S** election. **A PERSON WHO HAS SERVED FOUR CONSECUTIVE**
20 **POPULAR ELECTIVE TERMS OF OFFICE AS A SENATOR OR DELEGATE SHALL BE**
21 **INELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS A SENATOR OR DELEGATE FOR THE TERM**
22 **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FOURTH OF THE FOUR CONSECUTIVE POPULAR**
23 **ELECTIVE TERMS.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly
25 determines that the amendment to the Maryland Constitution proposed by this Act

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 affects multiple jurisdictions and that the provisions of Article XIV, § 1 of the
2 Maryland Constitution concerning local approval of constitutional amendments do not
3 apply.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section
5 proposed as an amendment to the Maryland Constitution shall be submitted to the
6 legal and qualified voters of this State at the next general election to be held in
7 November, 2010 for their adoption or rejection pursuant to Article XIV of the
8 Maryland Constitution. At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment
9 to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the
10 words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional
11 Amendment," as now provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall
12 be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as
13 directed by Article XIV of the Maryland Constitution, and further proceedings had in
14 accordance with Article XIV.